

PREVENTING TEST NOT PERFORMED (TNP) EVENTS

COLLECTION & SHIPPING BEST PRACTICES

Most TNPs are preventable. Following the practices below will significantly reduce specimen rejection due to Hemolysis, Stability, and Quantity Not Sufficient (QNS).

1 PREVENT HEMOLYSIS

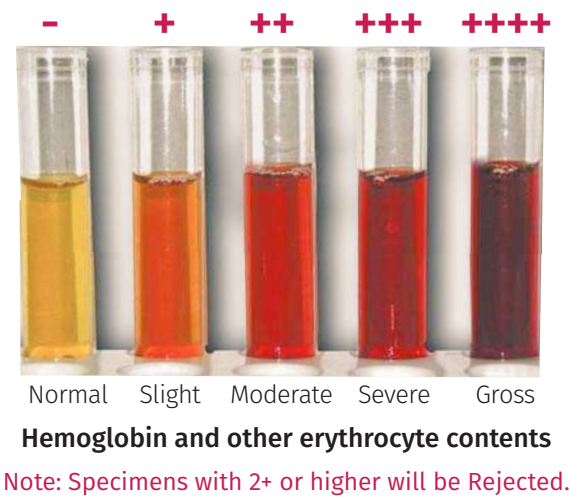
✓ **BEST PRACTICE**

- Ship Fungitell specimens at ambient temperature.

✓ **WHY THIS MATTERS**

Freezing spun down specimen tubes increase red blood cell breakdown which leak through the gel barriers and causes hemolysis.

FUNGITELL HEMOLYSIS CHART:



✓ **KEY ACTION**

- Do not freeze Fungitell specimens. Ship specimens ambient temperature.
- Do not ship Fungitell specimens with hemolysis 2+ or higher.

2 PREVENT STABILITY REJECTIONS

✓ **BEST PRACTICES**

- Ensure direct shipping to Viracor.
- Review Live Cell optimal collection times.
- Ship specimens the same day of collection.

✓ **WHY THIS MATTERS**

Specimens exceeding stability windows cannot be tested and patient samples would need to be recollected.

✓ **KEY ACTIONS**

- Align specimen collection times according to your time zone and courier pickup times.
- Use direct ship methods to Viracor.

3 PREVENT QUANTITY NOT SUFFICIENT (QNS)

✓ **BEST PRACTICES**

- Fill CMV T Cell tubes more than ¾ full.
- Review BAL volume requirements.
- Use the Viracor on-line Volume Calculator prior to collection.

✓ **WHY THIS MATTERS**

Insufficient volume prevents complete testing and may require recollection, delaying patient results.

✓ **KEY ACTIONS**

- Collect above minimum volume thresholds whenever possible.
- Confirm test specific volume requirements before collection.
- Use Viracor Volume Calculator to verify required volumes.

QUICK CHECKLIST BEFORE SHIPPING

- ✓ Fungitell specimens shipped at ambient temperature.
- ✓ Live Cell specimens shipped same day and directly to Viracor.
- ✓ CMV T-Cell Tubes filled >¾ full.
- ✓ Volume requirements reviewed and confirmed.



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SPECIMEN REJECTIONS



VOLUME
CALCULATOR